

109-111 North George Street (Commercial Building)
York
York County
Pennsylvania

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 109-111 North George Street, York, York County,
Pennsylvania.

USGS York Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator
Coordinates: 18.352510.4425100.

Present Owner: Dispatch Publishing Company.

Present Occupant: Vacant.

Present Use: Vacant; to be demolished 1979.

Significance: This nineteenth century commercial and residential
building is an integral part of the historic
streetscape of North George Street.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. History of the Structure:

The building was erected in ca. 1850. The first description of a structure on the lot, however, occurs in the 1896 deed to Florence Spangler. The property was used as a residence until 1925, when a notions shop opened on the first floor. In 1935 a gift shop occupied the first floor, and in 1944 it was replaced by "Jimmy's Restaurant". The building has been vacant since 1971.

The following is an incomplete chain of title to the land on which the structure stands, compiled from Legal Records, Deeds, in the York County Court House. Dates following individual names refer to the year of purchase.

Christian Wampler (1749)

George Ernest Meyer (1773)

James Love (1791)

Andrew Cremer (1798)

William Jones (1848)

Alexander Fry (1865)

Mary Fry Nelson (1881)

Florence Spangler (1896) (2 story brick house)

York Mortgage Co. (1944)

James Notopoulos (1944)

W.C. McKinley (1966)

Goodling Realty Corp. (1968)

Gene L. Cohen (1969)

Geneco Co. (1969)

Ed Sax (1979)

Dispatch Publishing Co. (1977)

B. Bibliography:

Turner, Robert P. (ed.) Lewis Miller Sketches and Chronicles.
York, Pennsylvania: York County Historical Society, 1966.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

This rectangular brick structure with limestone foundations was originally two-and-one-half stories and has been adapted to three-story fenestration. It measures 23' x 60' and has a three-bay front. There is a flat roof of rolled asphalt and a bracketed cornice. A bay window on the second story was added ca. 1910. The remaining openings are one-over-one light double hung sash. There is a three-bay shop front on the first floor and a separate entrance to the apartments above. The interior plan is L-shaped. The first floor has a shop in front and two rooms in the rear. The second and third floors have four rooms each. The stair has a turned newel post and balusters with ball finials.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the city of York, Pennsylvania in compliance with Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as a mitigative effort in the project to demolish four structures in the York Historic District. John A. Burns, AIA, was the HABS project coordinator. Photographs were taken by John R. Schein Jr. The records were edited and prepared for transmittal by Emily J. Harris, an architectural historian in the HABS office in October 1979.